Activities to Gain Familiarity with
CAREER CLUSTERS

Vegetable Beef Soup

Divide learners into groups of 4 or 5. Have learners decide which roles they will have: recorder, timekeeper, supply clerk, cheerleader.

Materials: chart paper, markers, vegetable beef soup can, and list of Career Clusters.

Directions:
- Divide the chart paper or chalk/white board into two columns showing the headings: **Careers** and **Career Clusters**.
- Have the team brainstorm every occupation that is involved in producing and delivering that can of soup to the grocery and write it under the **Careers** column.
- List which Career Cluster goes with which occupation and write it under the Career Clusters column.
- Circle the cluster you see the most. What did your team find?
- Look to see which of the 16 Career Clusters are missing from your list. What did your team find?
- Send a spy to another team to borrow an occupation so you have all 16 Career Clusters.
- *Questions to ask*:
  - Did you find that a part-time position or something in your background helped you with this activity?
  - How well did your team work together?
  - Would the type of soup make a difference with the jobs? Provide an example.

Answer the Question

Directions:
- Write the name of the 16 Career Clusters on a piece of paper/poster board.
- Place the Career Clusters titles on the floor or tape them to the wall.
- Ask learners to walk to or stand by the cluster they believe answers the question.

Sample questions may include:
- Which cluster offers the most job opportunities in your community?
- Which cluster do you think you would rather be in?
- What cluster would your hobby or volunteer work fall into?
- Which cluster would you like to know more information about?
- Which cluster does your father's job fall in?
- Which cluster does your mother's job fall in?
- Which cluster does your sibling's job fall in?